



## LADY GORDON LENOX.



MRS. ROOSEVELT paid her second visit of inspection to the White House yesterday afternoon. Last Wednesday she gained a general idea of the possibilities of the various rooms in the matter of color and decorations, and these were considered on Thursday in a conference with the architect, Mr. McKim.

Yesterday, in company with Architect Mead, Mr. Roosevelt went through the Mansion and gave to Superintendent French her ideas for the finishing touches in all the second floor apartments. These plans are described elsewhere in The Times.

Miss Alice Roosevelt left for Boston on Friday to make a round of visits among relatives in the vicinity of Boston. She went direct to the home of her grandfather, Mr. Lee.

Next Thursday Mrs. Roosevelt will give a card reception to the delegates of the seven organizations of patriotic women, which will convene here simultaneously with the G. A. R.

The state dinners at the White House will be added to greatly this year by the new china service which is to be completed by January. Of course, there is already a great deal of rare and beautiful china in the White House, but it is not sufficient to serve the large dinners. The design chosen is a plain white one, with a gold border and the great seal of the United States done in colors. It has been learned from a very reliable source that the price agreed upon was only a small fraction of the much exaggerated statements of the cost.

## In Cabinet Circles.

The marriage of the Misses May and the absence of Miss Root reduces the Cabinet circle this winter to five young women—Miss Wilson, Miss Anne and Miss Margaret Hitchcock, Miss Lichka Knox and Miss Louise Jones, the niece of Mrs. Payne.

Miss Wilson has lately returned from a visit to friends in her home State, Iowa, succeeding a short stay at Canton with Mrs. McKinley.

Miss Knox will spend a part of the late autumn in Pennsylvania visiting home friends, but will return for the official season, despite the rumor that she disliked Washington society and meant to spend the winter on the Nile.

Miss Jones will leave shortly on a visit to Milwaukee, but will return before the gayeties of the winter begin. Miss Root will be much missed in the diplomatic and resident set, in which she has many warm friends. Mrs. and Miss Root will spend the winter at Carlsbad for the benefit of Master Root, who derives great benefit from the German waters.

## Among the Diplomats.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, returned to Washington last night. He spent the entire summer at Bar Harbor with the exception of the time passed in Newport with Grand Duke Boris of Russia. On his way back to the Capital he stopped for a few days in New York.

The British Ambassador will arrive in Washington tomorrow and be located at the New Willard during his stay.

The embassy at present is in a state of chaos, as far as the first floor is concerned, and it is not expected that Sir Michael and Lady Herbert will be able to take possession for several weeks to come. The reception hall is blocked with ladders and the ballroom serves as a storage place for the furniture of the adjoining rooms. The brown wood work and dark-hued walls which, heretofore, have given a somber air to the interior, have been replaced by a scheme of lighter colors, principally white and delicate green, and the ponderous bronze gas lamps have disappeared from the foot of the stairway to be succeeded by a branching cluster of electric lights, with which the entire mansion has been elaborately fitted.

The new first secretary of the Russian embassy, Mr. Theodore Hansen, arrived in the city a day or two ago from his former post in Mexico.

The Siamese minister will give a dinner at the Arlington next Sunday night in honor of the young Prince of Siam.

The Colombian legation has just been established at 1315 N Street.

Baron Altiotti, of the Italian embassy, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane at Elm Court, their country place at Lenox.

The Peruvian minister has taken possession of his new legation, 1701 Massachusetts Avenue, which he recently leased from Mrs. John F. Hurst.

During the visit of the Prince of Siam he will be entertained at dinner by Secretary Hay.

The Argentine minister and family have returned from Gloucester, Mass., where they spent the summer.

Senor del Viso, secretary of the Argentine legation, is making a visit to

Paris, before returning from his vacation trip to Europe.

## Army and Navy Chat.

Gen. and Mrs. Henry B. Rochester have closed their summer home at Martha's Vineyard and are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Captain and Mrs. Fenton at Fort Meade, S. D.

Mrs. Loud, wife of Major John S. Loud, U. S. A., and their daughter, Miss Loud, have returned to their home on Kenesaw Avenue, after a summer at Atlantic City.

An engagement just announced of interest to the army circle is that of Miss Rosebud Harrington, daughter of Col. and Mrs. F. H. Harrington, to Capt. N. H. Hall, U. S. M. C., who was at the siege of Pekin.

As Captain Hall will sail for Panama with the next detachment of marines, no date has been set for the wedding.

Major and Mrs. F. W. Sibley and Miss Sibley will not remain at Fort Myer this winter, but will occupy the residence of Col. Marlon P. Maus, 2021 Hill-yeer Place.

## Weddings of the Week.

Miss Clara M. Upton and Roy Y. Ferner will be married tomorrow evening. Only a small company will be present at the ceremony, which will take place at the home of Miss Upton's parents, 2403 Morgan Avenue, Columbia Heights.

The marriage of Miss Mary Knight Bradford, daughter of the Rev. J. H. Bradford, to George Winchester Stone, of Boston, will take place Tuesday evening at the First Congregational Church.

Evidently the brides of the week have faith in the adage that "Wednesday is the best day of all." On that day the earliest of the many weddings announced is that of Miss Elizabeth Washington, of the historic family of that name, and Vernon Goldsborough Owen, of Maryland. The ceremony will take place at noon at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church.

The marriage of Miss Louise Kemon to Arthur James Elliott, of Brooklyn, will take place at 7:30 the same evening in the North Presbyterian Church.

The maids in attendance will be Miss Elliott and the Misses Jeanette and Clara Kemon and the ushers selected are former classmates of the groom at the Northwestern University, who will arrive here for the wedding on a special car.

Miss Mary Tilton, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Henry Remsen Tilton, will be married at 8 o'clock Wednesday night to Capt. Samuel C. Seay, U. S. A., of Nashville, Tenn. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Miss Mabel Faith Claffin and Mr. Melville Dyer Lindsay will be married at the First Congregational Church, at 3 o'clock Wednesday evening. Both belong to the old resident families of the District.

## Society Notes.

Mrs. William Loeb, Jr., wife of the Assistant Secretary to the President, arrived here from Oyster Bay last Friday afternoon and is established for the winter at the pretty house in Riggs

Place, which Mr. Loeb has taken for the official season.

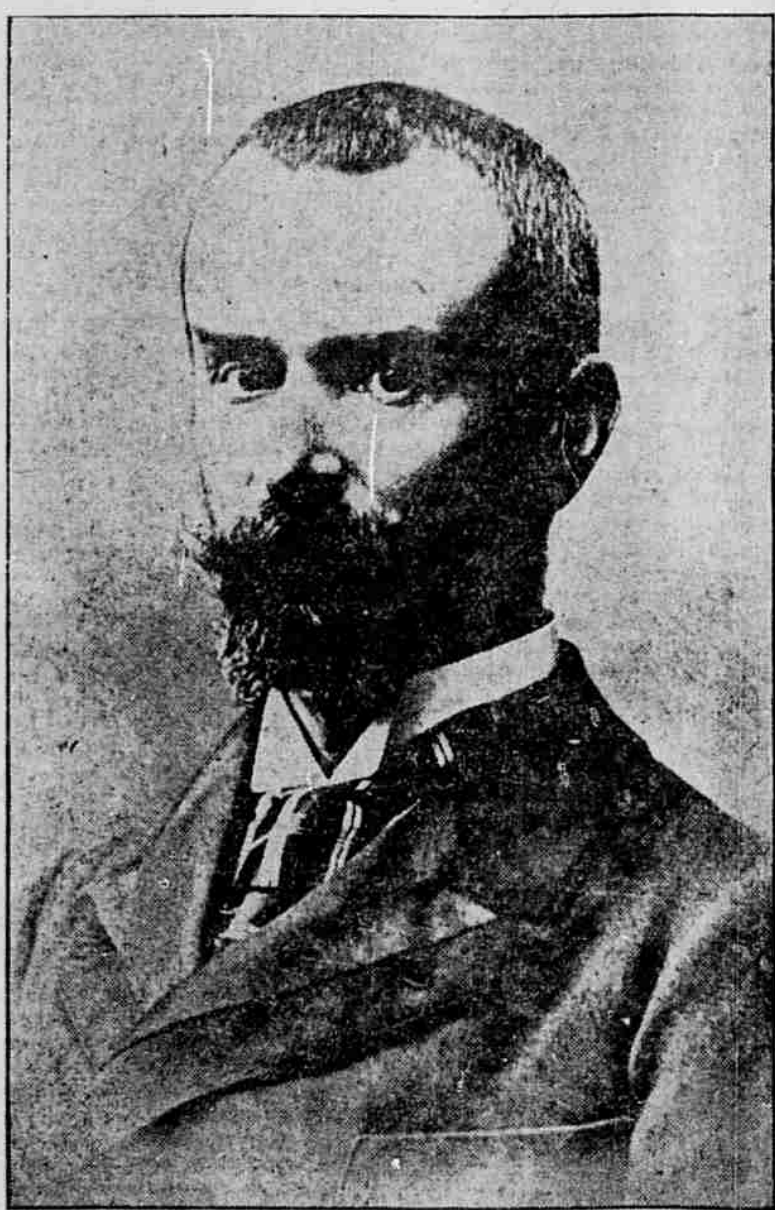
Hall Cottage, their summer home in Oyster Bay, while Mr. Loeb was acting secretary to the President during Mr. Cortelyou's absence, was one of the most interesting centers of the little town.

Mr. and Mrs. Westinghouse gave a luncheon yesterday at Erskine Park, their summer home at Lenox, in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Richardson, of this city.

After luncheon the guests were entertained by Miss Jean Wilson, the dramatic reader of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have been spending a week at Tanglewood, the Lenox home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Dipse.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, of New York, who leased a house here last

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winter and participated in the gayeties of the season to a considerable extent, is undecided whether or not to return. It now appears that she was professionally, as well as socially, interested in the doings of our official world, and has about completed a novel which

deals with society at the National Capital.

It goes without saying that the book will be anticipated with keen interest by the men and women of the various phases of Washington society, official, diplomatic, and resident, who may or may not like to see themselves as others see them—in print.

A party of Washingtonians are expected to attend the golf tournament to be held at Virginia Hot Springs within the next few days.

The Misses Patten, who have been spending the autumn at the springs, intend to remain there until the latter part of this month.

Mrs. and Miss Foraker, the wife and daughter of Senator Foraker, have closed their visit to the springs, and have reopened their home in Sixteenth Street.

Woodbury Blair has joined the Washington contingent at the springs.

Mrs. L. D. McIlhenny and Miss Moellhen McIlhenny, of this city, are making an autumn visit to Newport.

Dr. William L. Clark and family are home from their summer vacation.

The engagement has just been announced of Miss Anna Todd Perkins to Henry Clay Stewart, of this city.

Mr. Stewart's fiancée is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. George G. Perkins, of Covington, Ky. Since the retirement of Judge Perkins from the supreme bench of Kentucky he and his family have spent their winters in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Holton returned from Europe last week, and, after reopening their house on Columbia Heights and placing their little sons at school, left yesterday for a short visit to Mrs. Holton's parents, in southern Maryland.

Mrs. O'Connell, wife of the Solicitor of the Treasury, has returned from the Adirondacks to her home, 2115 O Street.

C. M. Pepper and family have taken apartments at the Westminster, corner of Seventeenth and Q Streets, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCauley have issued invitations for the marriage of their cousin, Florence Drayton Baden, to Paul Alexander Draper, Wednesday evening, October 15, at 8 o'clock, at Christ Church.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, president of the Woman's National Press Association, has appointed a committee to receive visiting press women, at the Riggs House upper parlors, during the G. A. R. encampment. All the members of the association are requested to wear their press badges and to be at the hotel whenever convenient to assist in welcoming callers. The committee includes Mrs. Florence Adele Chase, Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby, Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Mrs. Mary M. North, Mrs. Emma S. Brinton, Dr. Alice Burritt, Mrs. E.

## BRIGHTWOOD PARK.

THE death of former Gov. Alexander R. Shepherd recalls the fact that this section was his playground during his early youth. He was born on the site of the present rectory of Rock Creek Parish, but a short distance from here, and his frequent visits to the nearby village of Brightwood made him familiar with every foot of the ground of what is now Brightwood Park. The northern boundary of the Park is the Shepherd Road, which has the distinction of being the only mark of honor bestowed upon him by the District.

The local fire company—Chemical En-

## MATTERS OF INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUSIC LOVERS

Creator, the Italian bandmaster, will give his only recital in Washington tonight at the Columbia Theater. Creator went into New York last summer and is said to have scored a pronounced triumph. He is described as a talented leader, magnetic, and with mannerisms peculiarly his own.

When he first comes on the stage the

positions are filled within the first week of the season, and it is almost impossible for a singer to secure a place unless an early application is made. This year, however, seems to be the exception, and from a cause unknown.

The choir of Epiphany Church is in search of an organist, a tenor, and a contralto, and through the resignation of Mr. John Humbird Duffey and Mrs. W. L. Wilson from Calvary Baptist choir two positions there are open. St. John's Church, Sixteenth and H Streets, also is still looking out for a baritone to succeed Mr. Charles F. Roberts, who has gone to St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral.

The strangest part of this is that competent singers cannot be secured. Many of those who were prominent in local choir and concert work have either left the city or retired from musical work, and it is now almost impossible to fill positions in the large churches.

One phase of the question, and possibly a salient one, is the small salaries paid in Washington for choir work. There is probably no other city in the United States where the remuneration for musical services is so small as in the Capital City, and it looks as if local musicians have at last come to realize this fact and are determined that rather than sing for a nominal sum they will withdraw entirely from choir work.

The musically inclined public of Washington generally will regret to learn that Mr. John Humbird Duffey will not be among the entertainers this winter, as he will leave the city in a few weeks to take a year's study in New York. He will enter the American School of Opera and devote his entire time to the further cultivation of his voice. At the end of next season Mr. Duffey will make his debut in opera, and it is said that a prominent composer is even now at work upon an opera in which a part will be specially written for Mr. Duffey.

Of the many singers who have enrolled themselves in the long list of successful concert vocalists, there has been none more popular and more constantly in demand than Mr. Duffey. His magnificent baritone voice has given infinite pleasure to his friends and to hundreds of others who know him only through his concert work. Mr. Duffey is one of the youngest singers at the Capital and gives promise of a rapid advancement in the field of opera. One of the early productions to be given by the New York school will be Gounod's "Faust" and it is probable that Mr. Duffey will interpret the role of Valentine.

Mr. Harry W. Stratton resigned as organist at Epiphany Church and yesterday sailed for France, where he will remain several years. While abroad he will take a course of organ instruction under Alexander Guilmant, the famous composer and organist. Mr. Stratton occupied the position of organist at Epiphany Church from the latter part of last season until a few weeks ago. Previous to that time he was connected with the choir of Ascension Church.

An interesting engagement made during the week was that of Mr. William McFarland, the well-known local tenor, to sing the Mascagni music in Viola Allen's production of "The Eternal City," which will be presented here during the current week at the National Theater. Mr. McFarland's status as a vocalist has been so long assured that any comment upon his merit as a singer would be superfluous. His engagement by Miss Allen's managers is a source of much satisfaction to his friends.

In addition to the regular services at the First Baptist Church today, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Percy Foster, will have the assistance of Miss Amy Law and Mr. Ernest Daniels.

Miss Kate Lackey has been re-engaged as organist and directress of the choir of St. Ann's Church, Tenleytown, and will resume her work today. Miss Lackey spent the past summer between Boston and New York. While in the latter city she was the guest of her brother, Wilton Lackey, the well-known actor, and his wife.

The newly-organized choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart will sing for the first time this morning under the direction of Mr. L. E. Gannon, who will continue to have charge of the music. Miss Murphy, who was prevented by illness from singing last Sunday, will be in her place today and interpret the soprano solos. A low mass will be celebrated at 10:30, at which the following program will be rendered: Kyrie, "Sanctus," "Benedictus" and "Agnus Dei" from Paola Giorza's Mass No. 1. Kreutzer's "Ave Verum" will form the offertory, and the "Veni Creator" will be a quartet and chorus by Gannon.

The vesper service will begin at 4:30 p. m., with Psalms, comprising Eduardo Marro's vespers No. 1, and hymns, "Salve Mundi," a baritone solo by E. Karst, "Salve Regina," a soprano solo by Saint-Saens, "O, Salutaris," tenor solo, "Tantum Ergo," solos and chorus by J. Faure, and "Laudate Dominum," Gregorian. The solo parts will be sustained by Miss C. V. Murphy, soprano; Miss A. Rosalie Holberg, alto; Ed. J. McQuade, tenor; L. E. Gannon, baritone, and A. H. Giles, bass. The processional and recessional marches will be rendered by the organist, Prof. Eric Rath.

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gine Company No. 2—distinguished itself in the recent competition for the Macfarland pennant, receiving honorable mention for its standing of second best in the contest.

At the annual meeting of the Epworth League of the Brightwood Park M. E. Church, held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Homer Smith; first vice president, Mr. Frank J. Metcalf; second vice president, Mrs. W. S. Detwiler; third vice president, Mr. Frank Shaw; fourth vice president, Miss Elizabeth Ritchie; secretary, Mr. Benjamin R. Detwiler, and treasurer, Miss Gertrude Manning. The league is in a flourishing condition, and has every prospect of a successful year of good work.

Mr. W. R. Vanhorn, who for a number of years has carried on a successful business in this place, retired on the first of the month, and was succeeded by Mr. J. W. Endres, an enterprising young business man of Washington.

Miss Mabel Sands has returned from an enjoyable visit to relatives in Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bushee, who have for some time past been the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keene, are preparing to move into their new home in Hyattsville.

Mr. W. V. Cox, who has been for the past week in St. Louis as secretary of the United States Government board of the St. Louis Exposition, will return the first of the week.

Mrs. Parker, wife of Captain Parker, has returned from Detroit, where she went as a delegate to the convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans.

Miss Mary Stone is visiting in Baltimore as the guest of Mrs. Balloo.

Mrs. Mary E. White has as her guest Mrs. Donnelly, of Havre de Grace, Md.

Mr. Joseph Walz is convalescing from the illness following an operation recently undergone at the Sibley Hospital.

Mrs. McAleer, widow of Harry McAleer, has rented her Brightwood residence and moved to Washington.

The organization of a local lodge of Odd Fellows is in contemplation by the members of that order residing here.

## SIGNAL CORPS LECTURES.

A series of professional lectures for the instruction of signal corps officers and men is to be inaugurated at Fort Myer, Va.

The Secretary of War has appointed a board consisting of Majors R. C. Thompson and George P. Scriven, and Capt. Edgar Russell and Daniel Carr, of the Signal Corps, to formulate instructions for the lectures.

audience is struck by his composure, but when he takes his baton and faces his hand to lead, his whole character changes. It is said that he becomes dramatic and demonstrative, and that he throws his whole soul into leading and inspiring his band.

Creator has become a craze in New York. He toured the entire Western country last season with his band and met with pronounced success everywhere. His selections are mostly of Italian character, with plenty of sentimental and alarming climaxes in which



CREATORE, Italian Bandmaster.

the band is said to excel. While the organization is an excellent one, Creator is the main attraction. He never uses a score, but has memorized his programs so well that he can devote his entire attention to directing the musicians. The following program will be offered by Creator tonight: March, "Royal Purple".....Creator Overture, "Tannhauser".....Wagner Waltz, "Blue Danube".....Strauss Organ Offertory, "Lullaby".....Battiste Sextet from "Lullaby".....Demizetti Signori De Girolamo, Alala, Rosano, Croce, Santina and Juba. INTERMISSION. March, "The Amer".....Herbert Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe Soprano solo, "Lamento dell'Esule".....Creator Sung by Mrs. Baril. Grand selection from "Caymen".....Bizet Solos by Signori Rosano, De Girolamo and Alterilla.

One of the most surprising conditions of the early musical season is the number of choir vacancies. As a rule choir